

Remarks

Claims 1-29 were pending.

Claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-16, 21 and 23-29 are amended.

Claims 5, 13, 19, 20 and 22 are original.

Claim 17 is cancelled.

Claims 30 and 31 are new.

The application now contains claims 1-16 and 18-31.

Claim 1 is amended to include the limitation that the composition contains "one or more non-black organic pigments". Support is found in original claim 10.

Claims 2 and 3 are amended for consistency by replacing the phrase "as claimed in" with the phrase "according to".

Claims 4, 8, 12, 14, 15, 21, 25, 28 and 29 are amended to remove multiple dependencies.

Claims 6, 7, 9, 23, 24, and 26 are amended to remove both multiple dependencies and multiple ranges.

Claim 9 is further amended to include the limitation "the amount of mica or micaceous material is from 0.1 to 0.5 percent by weight". Support is found in original claim 6.

Claim 10 is amended to remove multiple dependencies, delete the phrase "which further includes one or more non-black organic or inorganic pigments, preferably in an amount of from 0.01 to 10.0" and add the limitation "wherein the amount of metal sulphide is from 1.0 to 2.5 percent by weight". Support is found in original claim 9.

Claim 11 is amended to remove multiple dependencies, delete the phrases "use of a" and "for the manufacture of an article" and to add the limitation "wherein the amount of non-black organic pigment is from 0.01 to 10.0 percent by weight, based on the total weight of the composition." Support is found in original claim 10.

Claim 16 is amended to remove multiple dependencies, delete the phrases "use of a", "in a laser marking process" and "preferably in a laser marking process achieved using a Nd:YAG laser operating at a wavelength of either 532nm or 1064nm" and add the limitation "wherein the dark markings are the result of targeting a laser beam on said article".

Claim 18 is amended to include the limitation that step (b) also includes compounding "one or more non-black organic pigments". Support is found in original claim 27.

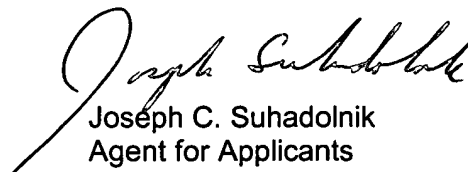
Claim 27 is amended to remove multiple dependencies, insert the word "the" immediately after the word "wherein", delete the comma and word "preferable" immediately after the phrase "or inorganic pigments", add the phrase "are present" immediately after the phrase "or inorganic pigments", and to delete the phrase "are also compounded with the polymeric material to provide the composition" at the end of the claim. Support is inherent within the claim.

Claim 30 is added to reclaim material deleted from claims 23; claim 31 is added to reclaim material deleted from claim 16.

No new matter is added.

Consideration of the present claims on their merits is respectfully awaited

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